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Small Business Contracting Fair a Big Hit

Congressman Underwood sponsored, in conjunction with the U.S. Small Business Administration, the Guam Chamber of Commerce, and the Department of Defense, a successful federal contracting and small business fair at the Pacific Star Hotel. More than 200, some of whom are pictured at right, participated in the fair.

The contracting fair fulfills a commitment made in Congressman Underwood's 1999 "Guam's Agenda" speech, to provide a means for Guam's small businesses to better understand and learn about the opportunities available in federal contracting. With the military's trend toward privatization and outsourcing, contracting and sub-contracting opportunities open up for small businesses.

DoD contracting officers from Hawaii conducted work sessions on how to compete effectively for everything, from



major construction projects to doing business with the commissaries and exchanges. SBA experts conducted workshops on the 8(a) program for disadvantaged and minority-owned businesses, and on how to participate.

In his keynote address, Congressman Underwood noted the overwhelming

turnout and said it reflected the general confusion existing in the competition for federal contracts. Guam, he said, should push for more than 65 cents of each federal contracting dollar spent on the island.

Many would-be participants hope there will be a second contracting fair in the future.

Congressional Delegations Visit Guam

In January, Congressman Ike Skelton (D-MO), ranking member of the House Armed Services Committee, led a delegation to meet with officials at COMNAVMAR, Andersen AFB and the Guam Shipyard. The delegation was comprised of Congressmen Underwood, Neil Abercrombie (D-HI) and Silvestre Reyes (D-TX). Among their findings was that Guam is a vital strategic base of operations that should be used even more by the U.S. military. The Congressmen agreed that the shipyard provides a unique capability to the Pacific Fleet and



should be utilized by Military Sealift Command instead of sending their vessels to foreign shipyards. As a result of their visit, Guam is beginning to be looked at more seriously by military planners.

The Skelton delegation's visit began with a wreath-laying at the War in the Pacific National Historical Park Asan Bay Overlook. Pictured at left are Congressmen Skelton, Abercrombie and Reyes following the sunset wreath laying ceremony.

Led by House International Relations Committee Chairman Benjamin Gilman

(R-NY), a Congressional delegation visited Guam last August. The delegation included Congressmen John Dingell (D-MI), Eni Faleomavaega (D-AS), Alcee Hastings (D-FL), Tom Campbell (R-CA), Bob Ney (R-OH) and Underwood. Retiring House Chaplain, Dr. and Mrs. James Ford, also accompanied the delegation as did several members' wives and committee staffers. Chairman Gilman, and the entire delegation, along with Lt. Governor Madeleine Z. Bordallo, (photo above) attended a wreath-laying ceremony at the Asan Bay Overlook.

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At Your Service... MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

From Our Constituent Files...

We receive many requests for assistance, especially among those who are trying to navigate the maze of federal bureaucracy. Most problems result from a general lack of knowledge about Guam and our island's status under the American flag. If you need help, or have questions, call my caseworkers at 477-4272.



Father's Burial Site Located

The daughter of an Army soldier who died in Guam in the 1950's made many attempts to locate her father's burial site. Now residing in Great Britain, she turned to us for assistance. After searching the records locally, we then turned to the Department of the Army, which initially advised us that they had no record of the site. But we remained determined and eventually traced the information the Army needed to locate the site. Subsequently, the Department of the Army found that the soldier was buried in Oklahoma. His daughter now knows where he lies. She hopes to visit and pay her respects, since she never had the opportunity during her youth.

Airman Reunited With Family

An Airman stationed at Andersen Air Force Base petitioned the Immigration and Naturalization Service for his wife and children to join him in the United States. After contacting several Congressional offices, including ours, we were able to facilitate the processing with INS in California. However, when the petition was forwarded to the National Visa Center for further processing, delays again occurred. We again assisted and the file was soon sent to the appropriate Embassy. The Airman's wife is now awaiting her scheduled interview.

Soldier Gets Emergency Leave

A soldier stationed on the East Coast received word from his parents that his father figure was dying and that he needed to come home. The dying man had reared the soldier from a young age, a practice among Chamorros known as "poksai." However, because the man was not an immediate relative, the soldier's unit would not accommodate his leave request. The family in Guam contacted my casework staff and we were able to establish for the unit that a close relationship did exist and was in fact notated in his personnel records. The soldier was given priority

status on a military flight and was able to make it home in time to visit his "poksai" dad before his passing.

Widow Receives Benefits

The elderly widow of a civil service retiree had difficulty with the Office of Personnel Management in trying to obtain life insurance and survivor's benefits. She contacted us and we were able to clear the way for her to receive her entitlements.

Army Retiree Finally Gets W-2

After numerous attempts to obtain a copy of his 1998 W-2 form from the Defense Finance & Accounting Service, an Army retiree turned to us for assistance. We discovered that DFAS had an incorrect mailing address for the retiree, but would not make the correction without his written consent. He quickly gave consent, the correction was made, he received his W-2 form in September and was finally able to file his tax return.

Retiree Finally Receives Pay

A civil service retiree, who had not received his retirement checks for over a year, made many attempts to find out why. After trying without success, he finally came to us for help. We learned that, for unknown reasons, the retiree's checks were being returned to the Office of Personnel Management. In a matter of days, we were able to determine with the OPM that the account information provided by the bank was incorrect. They quickly made the necessary changes and, within a week, more than \$20,000 was deposited into the retiree's account.

Archdiocese Finds Success

To serve the needs of the Catholic community on Guam, the Archdiocese of Agaña petitioned for two priests to enter from Colombia. The U.S. Embassy in Bogota denied the visa requests because they were of the opinion that there were few Roman Catholics on Guam. The

Archbishop asked me to write to the Embassy and advise them of the truth. Shortly after the letter was received, the Embassy contacted the priests and scheduled them for a second interview. This time around, the visa applications were approved and Guam's Catholics will soon enjoy religious services.

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Video Teleconferencing Capability Links Guam to D.C.

At 9 a.m. on February 15, 25 Guam educators, including Education Director Rosie Tainatongo and Catholic Schools Superintendent, Sister Jean Ann Crisostomo, participated in Congressman Underwood's inaugural video teleconference workshop with U.S. Department of Education officials in Washington, D.C.

With greetings of "Buenas" and "Hafa Adai," the educators gathered in his District Office conference room to greet and engage in dialogue with the USDE officials gathered in his D.C. office.

For the Congressman, who is pictured at right, and his staff in both offices, making the official connection was a labor of love. It took several weeks to work the bugs out of the teleconferencing



Above: Guam educators gather in Congressman Underwood's District Office for a video teleconference with federal education officials in Washington.

equipment at both ends, but it performed without a hitch for the two-hour workshop.

The workshop provided for direct, real-time dialogue between Guam's educators and high-ranking USDE officials. Dr. Judith Johnson, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education, Deputy Director of the Office of Bilingual Education and Minority Languages, Bouy Te, and his assistant, Dr. Sue Kenworthy, fielded questions from the Guam panel. Discussions covered a range of grants opportunities, from Safe and Drug Free Schools, to providing students with foundations in technology through the 21st Century Community Learning Center Initiative.

After the workshop, the participants and panelists agreed that video telecon-



ferencing technology effectively bridged the 9,000-mile gap and facilitated better information exchange. Workshops usually require USDE officials to travel to Guam at great expense. At current long distance rates, the teleconference workshop was a fraction of the normal cost.

Future video teleconferences on education, health and other issues, as well as briefings and townhall meetings, are being planned.

U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY WILL RE-MAP GUAM

At the Congressman's request, the U.S. Geological Survey agreed in October to begin revising and updating its 1:24,000-scale topographic maps of Guam. As ranking member on the Subcommittee on Energy and Minerals, which has oversight of the USGS, the Congressman met with USGS Director Charles Groat to discuss the many changes in Guam's topography and the real need for accurate, updated maps, which would also include original Chamorro place names. Rather than select or invent new place names, or choose those not relevant to Guam, developers would have a way to find out the original Chamorro place names of their project sites and have the option of helping to preserve them.

The Chamorro Language Commission was identified as the source for geographic names and was asked to submit the information to the U.S. Board of Geographic Names, which maintains the uniform use of geographic names throughout the federal government, by April 1, 2000. The CLC, now part of the new Department of Chamorro Affairs, is working with the Department of Public Works to review USGS maps and materials.

Prestigious College Board to Establish Asian Pacific American Working Scholars Group

As Chairman of the Congressional Asian Pacific Caucus, Congressman Underwood persuaded the influential College Board, to re-examine the academic world with an eye toward the standing of Pacific Islanders and Southeast Asians.

Last fall, the College Board unveiled its study, "Reaching the Top," which examined the placement and achievements of minority students in colleges and universities throughout the nation. This study and other publications of the College Board are used by many American institutions of higher learning to help guide and direct their policy decisions.

Concerns about the study were raised by Caucus members and several Asian Pacific American (APA) community leaders because it did not consider Asian

Pacific Americans as an underserved minority population. To address these concerns, the Caucus chairman called for an explanation from the College Board at a January forum. The forum, which included Caucus members, representatives from the White House, the U.S. Department of Education and several APA organizations, College Board officials and administrators from area colleges, heavily influenced the Board's decision to retain a respected APA educator to help develop a list of APA scholars, who will coordinate with the Board on how to address issues affecting APAs in higher education. The Board will also establish an APA Scholars Working Group, who will prepare a report on the state of educational research on Pacific Islanders and Southeast Asian Americans.

Serving Those Who Serve...

Guam Receives \$103 Million For Military Construction

Thanks to Congressman Underwood's unrelenting efforts, the Guam Army National Guard can start building a new Readiness Center with the \$8.2 million it will get out of the Department of Defense's Fiscal Year 2000 military construction budget. Guam's Army Reserves will get \$17.5 million for a new maintenance shop and the Navy and Air Force in Guam also will get millions for their construction projects. All in all, Guam will get \$103 million, the most approved in more than ten years.

For Guam, the following projects are the result of full funding:

- Army National Guard, Readiness Center (Phase I): \$8.2 million
- Army Reserve Maintenance Shop: \$17.5 million
- Andersen AFB Landfill Closure: \$8.9 million
- Andersen DoDEA Elementary School: \$44.1 million
- Defense Logistics Agency, Fuel Support Point: \$24.3 million

Supporting the Guard and Reserves



Severina Ogo, left, and Col. Danny Santos, USMC (Ret.), center, of the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, listen as Congressman Underwood tells KUAM Island News Director Sabrina Salas that he and CNMI Resident Representative Juan Babauta, second from right, endorse the National Committee's goals and objectives and are encouraging employers to support their employees who are members of the Guam National Guard and the Army, Navy and Coast Guard Reserves in Guam and the CNMI.

Planning to Visit D.C.?

Congressman Underwood's office will try to help you make the most of your trip to the Nation's Capitol.



White House Tours

Congressional White House tour tickets are in great demand, so the sooner you make your request, the greater your chances for obtaining them. Congressional White House tickets are not always available and cannot be guaranteed. They are distributed 10 a week to Members at the discretion of the White House on a first-come, first-served basis. Also, the White House may take up to 30 days to process requests, so it is advisable to make arrangements at least two months in advance.

Make your request at the Guam District Office. Be ready with the following information: (1) Names, residence addresses and phone numbers (and fax numbers, if applicable) of each member of your touring party; (2) Anticipated dates of your visit to Washington; (3) Address and contact number while in the D.C. area. Tickets are not required for children 7 years old and under. Visitors with disabilities are accommodated. Congressional ticket tours are allowed from Tuesday through Saturday at 8:15 a.m., 8:30 a.m., and 8:45 a.m. only.

Free brochures about sights to see in the Washington, D.C. area, as well as street maps and other informational city guides are also available at the Guam District Office. For more information, visit our website: www.house.gov/underwood, or call the Guam office at 477-4272 or the D.C. office at (202) 225-1188.

Chairman Gilman Pays Tribute To Chamorro People At Asan Overlook

During his August visit, Congressman Ben Gilman (R-NY), Chairman of the House International Relations Committee, and his delegation conducted a wreath-

laying at the Asan Bay Overlook, one of Congressman Underwood's first legislative accomplishments.

Chairman Gilman was stationed in Guam as a member of the Army Air Corps at North Field, now Andersen Air Force Base, for about a year following the recapture of Guam in 1944. In his remarks to an audience of veterans, some of whom are pictured at left, the Congressman recounted his days in Guam and the lasting impression the people and the island had upon him. He said he cherished the opportunity to return to the island, and most especially, to be able to pay tribute

to the Chamorro people and to the military men and women who fought the Battle for Guam.



With honor guards SGT Joseph Cruz and SSG Rose Spotanski at attention, Chairman Gilman addresses veterans at the Asan Bay Overlook.

A Success!

Interagency Group on Insular Areas Holds its First Meeting

Congressman Underwood, the governors and Congressional delegates of the U.S. Virgin Islands and American Samoa in addition to the Resident Representative from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and more than 30 representatives of various federal agencies attended the inaugural meeting of the Interagency Group on Insular Areas (IGIA) at the White House.

Preceded by several weeks of intense staff work, the IGIA addressed at least 15 major issues of territorial concern. Among these were the inclusion of the insular areas in the President's New Markets Initiative, trade missions and the Economic Empowerment Zones program; double-digit unemployment, shrinking government revenues and the limited market economies of the insular areas; foreign investment equity for Guam, land return and immigration. The IGIA is expected to finalize its report on issues that can be acted on by the Administration in the near future.

President Clinton established the IGIA last August and directed federal agencies to be represented by senior officials. The motivation to establish the group came from the realization that insular areas lack the representation that a States have in the federal process, and that coordination is needed with regard to federal programs and policies as they are developed to ensure participation by insular areas.

After the meeting the delegates noted the impressive participation of federal agencies, saying it was the most they had ever seen gathered to address insular



Mr. John Berry, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Policy, Management and Budget, and White House official Jeffrey Farrow are the co-chairs for the IGIA. Several weeks before the IGIA meeting, Office of Insular Affairs Director Danny Aranza at the staff level organized working groups to discuss priority economic issues which the Administration can act upon.

"I am pleased that the Clinton Administration is using the IGIA to discuss some very important issues, such as the resolution of federal excess lands, including Guam in U.S. trade missions to Asia, and allowing Guam to profit from greater foreign investments consistent with U.S. tax treaties," Underwood said, who is pictured at left. "We're also working to ensure that future initiatives, introduced by the President to benefit the entire nation, include the insular areas as full participants."

concerns. The meeting provided an opportunity that the insular areas have never had before. Representatives of the insular areas were able to cultivate relationships with key federal officials, including prominent White House staffers.



Congressional Delegates and Territorial Governors met for the first IGIA meeting at the White House in March to discuss economic development issues.

GUAM INCLUDED IN PRESIDENT'S CORAL REEF INITIATIVE

The President's Fiscal Year 2001 budget, which was unveiled in February, contains a request for \$26 million for coral reef initiatives, amounting to an increase of \$15.5 million from the previous year. Under the proposed budget, \$16 million will be available to the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) of the Department of Commerce and \$10 million to the Department of Interior, half a million of which is

earmarked specifically for aiding the coral reef initiatives of the territories.

"Since reefs surround us, and part of everyday life for us, it's important to understand that coral reefs are like tropical rain forests on land. They provide a way to understand how the whole ecosystem fits together and they provide a way to gauge the overall health of our environment — whether it is thriving or whether it is in degradation. The President

understands this and we're happy to see that he is putting money into this effort. This unprecedented funding demonstrates that the President is keeping the commitments he made to us in Guam last November, as well as those he made at the Oceans Conference in Monterey last June, which both Lieutenant Governor (Madeleine) Bordallo and I also participated in," Congressman Underwood said.

Grateful For Your Assistance...

UOG Students Host 1999 "State of Guam's Agenda" Address

Rising to the challenge, students of the University of Guam pulled off one of the most well attended "State of Guam's Agenda in Washington" speeches ever. It was standing room only in the College of Arts and Sciences' 190-seat lecture hall on Aug. 17, 1999, when the address was delivered. Students, faculty, administrators, cabinet members, senators, invited guests and members of the public packed the hall, some of whom are pictured at right. Visiting dignitary, U.S. Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA), ranking member of the Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee, was a special guest.

UOG offered to host the speech after the 25th Guam Legislature voted in April to eliminate the mandate for the Guam Delegate to render an annual accounting of his work in Washington. Student members of the Public Administration and Legal Studies Club, Upsilon Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, Student Government Association, Political Science Honor Society and the UOG Alumni Association organizations quickly volunteered to plan and coordinate the address, according to Academic Vice President Dr. Judith Guthertz, who, along with the Dean



of Students, Dr. Richard Wytenbach-Santos, headed up the special project.

The speech was aired live by KGFT,

and K57 AM, and on the internet by Startec and UOG Computerlab. MCV aired the video later the same evening.

During Teacher Appreciation Week

A Message to All Guam Teachers

CONGRATULATIONS, CLASSROOM TEACHERS!

When a scientist discovers something new in the universe, it is usually named in his or her honor. When someone excels in business or politics, they are hailed as giants in their profession. And when a struggling performer reaches the top, fame, fortune and adulation are theirs. But when a teacher nurtures a student's intellectual ability into an unquenchable thirst for knowledge, when a teacher inspires a student to reach for greatness or when a teacher turns on a student's motivation, there are no parades and public proclamations.

I am among those who feel that teachers do not get enough praise, not simply because my daughter is a teacher, my parents were teachers, my wife was a teacher and I am very proud of my own teaching career, but because society in general seems to take teachers and their work for granted. Perhaps that is as it should be: if we were failing in our profession, the public hew and cry would be deafening. Since the public is not singing our praises at every turn, I'd like to think it is because learning is taking place and the public is satisfied with our performance.

Despite the nationwide concern over falling test scores and deteriorating reading and math skills, there is no denying that there are teachers who are performing education miracles and students who are making education history. Even here on our beloved island. Despite the many challenges and difficulties our public education system faces everyday, despite the criticisms over funding and political squabbling, there are students who are making us proud. Their successes are a measure of their own abilities and capacities, their parents' values and support, and their teachers' commitment to successful learning.

As Guam's Delegate to Washington, I will sing the praises of Guam's classroom teachers. I will pledge to support and encourage them throughout the year. I will express the appreciation of the people of Guam. But these efforts pale in comparison to the highest praise of all: to be remembered by name, with affection and admiration, long after schooling is over. Each and every one of us, no matter what our age or station in life, has and remembers a favorite teacher.

Still proud to be a teacher,

ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

Member of Congress



Lorraine Underwood, special guest visitor Senator Tom Harkin, UOG President Jose Nedegdog and Congressman Underwood after the speech.

Si Yu'os Ma'ase, KGTF



Thanks to KGTF and its live remote crew, the public was able to watch the 1999 "Guam's Agenda in Washington" address live from the UOG lecture hall in August. From left, Shingpe Wang, Mes Diaz, Rodney Sapp, Mike Lizama, Congressman Underwood, KGTF General Manager Ginger Underwood, Dennis Crisostomo, John Muna and Deputy General Manager Benny Flores.

Working on Guam's Behalf...

COMPACT IMPACT AID: \$3 MILLION MORE FOR GUAM

Guam will receive \$7.58 million in Compact Impact Aid for Fiscal Year 2000. That's \$3 million more on top of the \$4.58 million appropriated annually, but \$2 million short of the \$5 million increase requested by the President. After much wrangling between Congressional and administration negotiators in November, an agreement was reached to allow an increase of \$3 million.

The President's proposed \$5 million increase was not included in either the House- or Senate-passed version of the Interior appropriations bill.



Democratic Whip, David Bonior, visited Guam with Congressman Underwood in Nov. 1999, to discuss Guam-Federal relations.

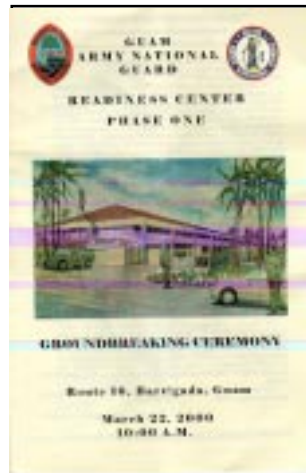
President Clinton then vetoed the bill, partly because it did not have funding for Guam. During the negotiations, House leaders, particularly Democratic Whip David Bonior (D-MI), along with the Governor's representatives in Washington and Clinton Administration negotiators kept the funding issue on the negotiations table.

Congressman Underwood will continue to work the issue in an effort to ensure that the promised \$10 million level will be a minimum annual appropriation.

Guam National Guard Breaks Ground for New Readiness Center

With Congressman Underwood as the featured guest speaker for the occasion, the Guam Army National Guard proudly broke ground in Barrigada for the first phase of its long awaited and much needed new Readiness Center.

In his welcoming remarks, Adjutant General Benny Paulino recounted the Guard's long and difficult struggle to secure the funding to build new facilities to replace the old and rapidly deteriorating ones at Fort Juan Muna. In turn, the Congressman credited General Paulino and his staff, and Lt. Col. Norberto Castro and Capt. Greg Perez for their tireless efforts to assist in the effort to convince Congressional leaders that Fort Juan Muna's facilities had out lived their usefulness. The collaborative effort paid off in that the funding, which was initially scheduled in the Pentagon's defense plan



for Fiscal Year 2004, was instead approved for Fiscal Year 2000, to enhance the Guam Guard's readiness and allow it to remain mission capable.

The Guam Army National Guard was the only one of the Nation's 54 Guard units that did not have a readiness center, but now, thanks to an \$8.2 million appropriation in the FY2000 Military Construction Budget, nothing stands in the way of the Guam Guard becoming one of the best units in the Nation.

With ceremonial spades, the Congressman, Lt. Governor Madeleine Bordallo, Speaker Antonio Unpingco, Maj. Gen. Paulino, Brig. Gen. Dennis Kamimura, Brig. Gen. Jerry Rivera, Col. Mark Juneau, Col. Ray Taimanglo, Lt. Col. Dennis Santo Tomas, and Lt. Col. Vernon Born turned over some gravel to start the project.

Congressman Underwood Urges Residents: Be Counted in Census 2000

By now many of you have received a Census 2000 questionnaire form. It is important that you take the time to accurately complete it. A Census enumerator will visit your home to collect the form and even assist you in the event you experience difficulty in filling out the form.

Make sure everyone in your household is counted — children, grandchildren, extended family members, friends and anyone who is living with you, even for a short period of time. It will take about 15-20 minutes, but is well worth your time. No matter what your status, U.S. citizen or not, the Census needs accurate information about everyone on Guam.

Your answers will be kept confidential. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share the information it gathers with anyone, that includes welfare agencies,

the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the Internal Revenue Service, courts, police, etc.

Your participation in Census 2000 is vitally important for our island. The data from Guam's residents help determine our fair share of federal funds. Guam's Census data figures into the nationwide allocation of more than \$200 billion in federal funds annually. The distribution of these funds is based in large part on the distribution of the population.

Government and businesses rely on Census data to determine where to build new schools, hospitals, roads or bridges and what types of businesses and social programs our community needs.

Census data helps our government and other agencies to prepare and respond to emergencies and natural

disasters. The numbers also identify neighborhoods where social, health, nutritional and educational programs, like Head Start, which provides services to disadvantaged preschool children, are needed.

Funding for school districts also depends on Census data. Health agencies, like the Department of Public Health and Social Services, use the Census results to plan and administer programs that promote the well-being of families and children. Likewise, information on children helps determine funding for programs such as the Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC).

Getting accurate Census data on Guam is vitally important on your participation. The Census takes place once every 10 years. Make sure you and your family and friends are not left out.

Supporting Our Students...

Island Leaders Tackle School Violence Issue “Voices Against Violence”

More than 400 F.B. Leon Guerrero Middle School and Simon Sanchez High School students attended last September's “Voices Against Violence” speak-out, sponsored by the Congressman in conjunction with the Department of Education's Curriculum and Instruction Division.

The speak-out provided a forum for students, government officials and service providers to discuss violence in schools, as part of a nationwide effort to identify the causes and implement effective solutions, because the experiences and perspectives of students are critical to any effort to curb violence.

A panel consisting of Sgt. Kim

Santos and Dr. Tom Hilt of the Guam Police Department, Yigo Mayor Robert Lizama, the Congressman, George Salas of Sanctuary, Inc., Ed Chargualaf of the Department of Youth Affairs and Dr. Randy Workman of the University of Guam, fielded questions.

Former Department of Education Director Michael Reidy and Education Chairman Sen. Larry Kasperbauer also participated. The panel learned that violence includes intimidation, negative peer pressure and fear in school.

The speak-out was a prelude to a Congressional Youth Conference on Teen Violence, sponsored by the Democratic Caucus, in October in Washington, D.C.



Above: Students from F.B. Leon Guerrero Middle School and Simon Sanchez High School attend the “Voices Against Violence” Speak-Out last September.

Guam Youth Delegate Travels to D.C.



Above: Joanna Manuel, center, a Simon Sanchez High School junior, was Guam's youth representative to the Congressional Youth Conference on Teen Violence. From left: Sanchez Principal Jeff Burgos, Sanchez instructor and “Voices Against Violence” chair Jennifer Shiroma, K-Mart General Manager Dennis Feree, Joanna, Katie Black, Lou Sanchez and Lauren Harrison of Continental Micronesia Sales, participated in the program.



School Flag Presentations Continue



Above: Academy of Our Lady of Guam students and Principal Sister Frances Jerome, R.S.M., accept their new school flag from the Congressman.

Right: P.C. Lujan Elementary School Vice Principal Janis Blas listens as the Congressman reads the certification that their flag was flown over the Capitol. Presentations of new U.S. flags, flown over the Capitol, will continue until every school receives one.



Above: Agana Heights Elementary School students assemble for the presentation and raising of their new U.S. flag.



Above: One of the many posters welcoming Congressman Underwood to P.C. Lujan Elementary School.

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